



General Assembly

January Session, 2017

Raised Bill No. 861

LCO No. 3885



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING RATEPAYER IMPACT STATEMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 2-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

3 The words "State of Connecticut" shall be printed at the head of each
4 bill and document printed by order of the General Assembly, or either
5 house thereof, and on its title page or cover, if any. Before printed,
6 electronic or photographic copies of an original bill are made, the bill
7 shall be endorsed with (1) the date of its introduction; (2) its number;
8 (3) the name of the member or committee introducing it; and (4) the
9 name of the committee to which it was referred. Copies of bills or
10 resolutions printed or produced electronically after favorable report by
11 a committee or reprinted or produced electronically after amendment
12 on the third reading, i.e., files, shall bear the file number of such bill or
13 resolution, placed conspicuously at the head of the same, which file
14 number shall be assigned by the Legislative Commissioners' Office in
15 the order printed or produced, the number and title of the bill, the
16 name of the committee to which it was referred, the date and nature of

17 the committee's report, [and,] in any case where the bill, if passed,
18 would require the expenditure of state or municipal funds or affect
19 state or municipal revenue, a fiscal note, including an estimate of the
20 cost or of the revenue impact shall be appended thereto, and, in any
21 case where the bill, if passed, would have a financial impact on electric
22 ratepayers, a ratepayer impact statement, as described in subsection (b)
23 of section 2-24a. When a bill or resolution is accompanied with a report
24 of a committee, other than a recommendation that it ought or ought
25 not to pass, it shall then have an additional endorsement, as follows:
26 "Accompanied by special report, No.-". Bills shall be designated in the
27 calendar of each house by their file numbers, as well as by the titles
28 and numbers of the bills.

29 Sec. 2. Section 2-24a of the general statutes is repealed and the
30 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

31 (a) No bill without a fiscal note appended thereto which, if passed,
32 would require the expenditure of state or municipal funds or affect
33 state or municipal revenue in the current fiscal year or any of the next
34 ensuing five fiscal years shall be acted upon by either house of the
35 General Assembly unless said requirement of a fiscal note is dispensed
36 with by a vote of at least two-thirds of such house. Such fiscal note
37 shall clearly identify the cost and revenue impact to the state and
38 municipalities in the current fiscal year and in each of the next ensuing
39 five fiscal years.

40 (b) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly
41 commencing on January 9, 2019, no bill without a ratepayer impact
42 statement appended thereto which, if passed, would have a financial
43 impact on electric ratepayers, shall be acted upon by either house of
44 the General Assembly. Such statement shall (1) be prepared by the
45 Office of Fiscal Analysis; and (2) provide an assessment as to whether
46 such bill is most likely to increase, decrease or have no impact on the
47 cost of electricity to the majority of Connecticut electric ratepayers.

48 Sec. 3. Section 2-24a of the general statutes, as amended by section
49 169 of public act 15-244, is repealed and the following is substituted in
50 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

51 (a) No bill without a fiscal note appended thereto which, if passed,
52 would require the expenditure of state or municipal funds or affect
53 state or municipal revenue in the current fiscal year or any of the next
54 ensuing five fiscal years shall be acted upon by either house of the
55 General Assembly unless said requirement of a fiscal note is dispensed
56 with by a vote of at least two-thirds of such house. Such fiscal note
57 shall clearly identify the cost and revenue impact to the state and
58 municipalities in the current fiscal year and in each of the next ensuing
59 five fiscal years. If the bill has any impact on the personal income tax
60 imposed under chapter 229 or the corporation business tax imposed
61 under chapter 208, or both, such fiscal note shall clearly identify any
62 resulting impact on the deposits to the Budget Reserve Fund pursuant
63 to section 4-30a.

64 (b) Beginning with the session of the General Assembly
65 commencing on January 9, 2019, no bill without a ratepayer impact
66 statement appended thereto which, if passed, would have a financial
67 impact on electric ratepayers, shall be acted upon by either house of
68 the General Assembly. Such statement shall (1) be prepared by the
69 Office of Fiscal Analysis; and (2) provide an assessment as to whether
70 such bill is most likely to increase, decrease or have no impact on the
71 cost of electricity to the majority of Connecticut electric ratepayers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	2-24
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	2-24a
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	2-24a

Statement of Purpose:

To require a ratepayer impact statement on bills which, if passed, would have a financial impact on electric ratepayers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]